

1 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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3 This invention relates to a crude oil desulfurization process which comprises
4 hydrodesulfurizing a crude oil feed in a crude desulfurization unit. The
5 desulfurized crude oil is then separated into a light gas oil fraction, a vacuum
6 gas oil fraction and a vacuum residuum fraction. The vacuum gas oil is
7 hydrocracked to form at least one low sulfur fuel product. The light gas oil
8 fraction is hydrotreated. The vacuum gas oil may be hydrocracked in one or
9 more stages. Hydrocracking in the second stage, if present, will convert of at
10 least 20% of the first zone effluent, to create a low sulfur light gas oil fraction.
11 The light gas oil fraction may then be hydrotreated.